

OCEAN, BAR, BAY, DOCK AND RIVER

Capt. Charles Richardson brought the dandy Columbine into port yesterday at noon, from a 10-day cruise in Puget Sound and coast waters. She carried all manner of supplies and materials to the lightships and stations north of here and south of the "strait," including Destruction Island, Cape Flattery, Ediz Hook, New Dungeness, Point Wilson, Patos Island, Turnagain Point, and Lightship No. 67; and has been a busy ship all the time she was gone. She picked up last Tuesday's gale in the upper Sound and reports its effect severe and far-reaching.

The steamer Larline was held at Portland yesterday to have her boilers blown down, and the Kamm steamer Undine came down last night in her stead. She went back at 7 o'clock, with plenty of freight, and the following named passengers from this city: Mrs. J. E. Fremant, C. F. Hoaston, P. S. Stamp, M. Elia and Robert Ames.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore arrived in from Tillamook Bay yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, with a big load, consisting of 2500 cases of salmon and 750 cases of cheese. She will leave up for Portland at an early hour this morning.

The steamship Breakwater arrived down yesterday morning and after a brief berthing at the O. R. & N. piers, went on her way to Coos Bay, at 9 o'clock. (She had her whistle with her).

The French bark David Dangers got to sea yesterday morning on the steel hawsers of the tug Wallula, en route to London, direct, with her big cargo of grain.

The motor schooner Gerald C. went to sea and Tillamook Bay yesterday at 1 o'clock with a full cargo of general merchandise.

The steamship Rose City is expected down early tomorrow morning from Portland and will depart from the O. R. & N. pier at 8:00 o'clock sharp.

The steamship Roanoke is due to leave out for the coast of California at 6 o'clock this morning from the Callender dock.

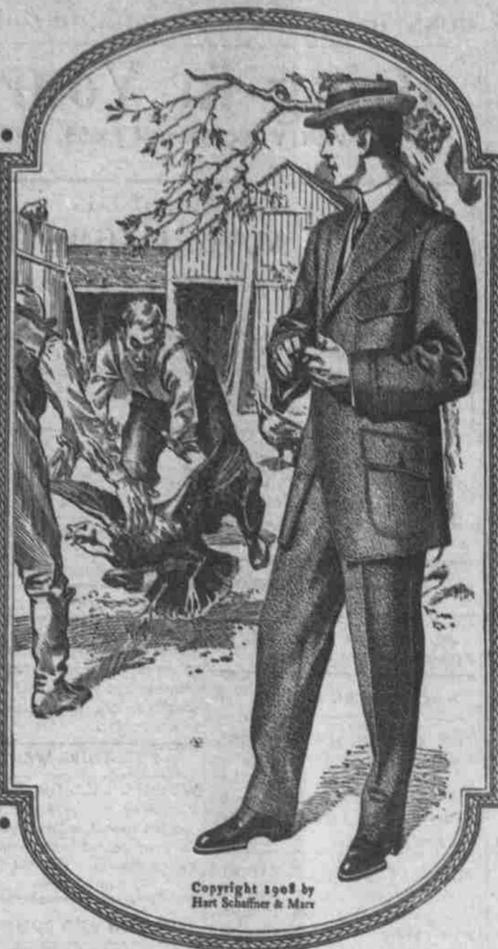
The oil tank steamer Atlas came down from Portland yesterday and went to sea at once, bound for the lower California coast.

The steamer Euteka arrived in from her name-sake port yesterday and after a short stay at the Callender, went on to Portland.

The French bark Rochambeau will go up stream today on the hawsers of the Harvest Queen.

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RIGHTS OF WAY BEING GRANTED FAST

PROSPECTS FOR THE ELECTRIC LINE TO SEASIDE NOW VERY BRIGHT.

It is stated on good authority that the announcement may now be safely made that the rights of way between Astoria and Seaside for the proposed electric line are nearly all obtained, or are in such shape that their procurement will only take a matter of a comparatively short time.

Many of the heavy property holders have given the rights of way across their properties. The various small objections that at first arose have been smoothed out or surmounted in one way or another, and in one place a very slight change was made in the routing to avoid difficulties. It

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will be good news to all the residents of this city and of the territory intervening between here and Seaside that the delay in getting the rights of way has been overcome. It is now promised that the work of actual construction of the line should be commenced by April 1, and this is credited by the men back of the enterprise.

Among those who have already given the rights of way are the following: J. T. Ross, Lester McLeod, John H. Jeffers, Irving M. Jeffers, Astoria Abstract & Title Company, J. Q. A. Bowlby, F. G. Taylor, V. Boelling. To secure the others is believed to be only a matter of effort during the next week or two.

H. G. Van Dusen, who is doing the principal work in securing the rights of way, said yesterday the work is progressing very satisfactorily now. "We have obtained many of the larger ones," he said, "and we anticipate no serious troubles with the others. We are given to understand that the finances are in readiness and will be forthcoming the moment we are ready with the rights of way, and naturally we are very anxious to get everything straightened out as soon as possible. The construction means so much to Astoria and Clatsop county that all good citizens should lend their aid in promoting the enterprise, and I am glad to say that nearly all we are dealing with seem very willing to do just the right thing. It was only natural that there should have been a few little things to straighten out, and now everything promises well."

It is stated that F. L. Evans, promoter of the enterprise, yesterday sent \$500 east as a deposit for the printing of the bonds. Mr. Evans assures the directors of the company that he is confident the actual work of construction can commence by April 1, and that all he is waiting for is the procurement of the rights of way. This part of the work the directors of the company had agreed to do for him.

AMONG THE ISLANDS.

MANILA, Dec. 17.—The Asiatic fleet, commanded by Rear-Admiral Giles B. Harber, sailed today on a cruise among the southern islands of the Philippine group. The fleet will return to this port on January 9.

HEROIC MEASURE TO BE PRESENTED SOON

TEXT OF DR. OWENS-ADAIR'S BILL FOR THE STERILIZATION OF HUMANITY.

The Morning Astorian has had a good deal to say, at one time and another, in regard to the proposed legislation about to be introduced at Salem at the instance of Dr. B. Owens-Adair of this county, and which is causing wide and interested comment here and all over the States of Oregon and Washington; and in behalf of the growing sentiment in favor of this heroic, yet sound, plea for the up-lift of physical, mental and moral humanity, this paper now has pleasure in presenting the text of the proposed bill; in order give the reading public a fundamental idea of the proposition and to show how great a matter may be compassed in a meagre space. It reads as follows:

- ◆ "An act providing for the sterilization of criminals, epileptics, imbeciles, and all feeble-minded persons.
- ◆ "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Oregon:
- ◆ "Section 1. That criminals, epileptics, insane, and all feeble-minded persons committed to any State institution of the State of Oregon, shall be sterilized, except such as in the judgment of a legally appointed board of examiners, whose duty it shall be to pass upon each and every case, are exempted.
- ◆ "Section 2. It shall then become the duty of the physicians in charge of the various State institutions to execute the provisions of this act."

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